

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 103

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to California Indian Heritage Month.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 83, Battin. Native Americans: California Indian Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim November 2008 as California Indian Heritage Month, encourage its observance with activities that celebrate the uniqueness of Americans, and commend California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this state.

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush proclaimed November 2007 as National American Indian Heritage Month in recognition of American Indians and Alaskan Natives; and

WHEREAS, California is home to more Native American Indian tribes than any other state in the United States; as of the last census, over 430,000 American Indians were living in the state in 2006, and their history forms an integral part of the state's history that needs to be told; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the sovereignty of the California Indian nations to be self-governing, self-supporting, and self-reliant, Californians are working to protect and enhance tribal resources; and

WHEREAS, California Indians, through their rich cultural traditions and proud ancestry, have made vital contributions to the strength and diversity of our society; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indians have given much to the United States and to California and, in recognition of this fact, it is fitting that the honor is returned by recognizing Native American Indians for their rich history and commitment to the State of California; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims that the month of November 2008 be recognized as California Indian Heritage Month, encourages the observance of this event with activities that celebrate the uniqueness of Americans, and takes this opportunity to commend California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this great state; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.